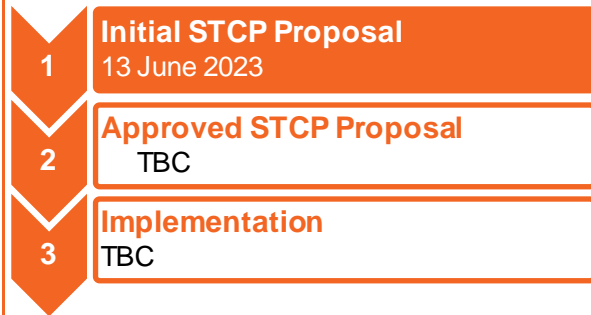


STCP Modification Proposal Form

PM0133: Pathfinder feasibility studies

Overview: Creating a defined process/mechanism for the provision of pathfinder feasibility studies.

Modification process & timetable



Status summary: The Proposer has raised a modification and is seeking a decision from the Panel on whether the modification requires an STC modification. It is proposed that workgroups will develop the legal text.

This modification is expected to have a: Medium impact

Impacted parties: Transmission System Operator, Transmission Owners

Who can I talk to about the change?

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What is the issue?

The code recognises TOs supporting The Company in providing feasibility studies for connections, but the feasibility support needed has evolved to include support on the pathfinders.

Unlike with the feasibility for connections there is no express obligation or defined process for carrying out/contracting for other feasibility studies within the code. Following the completion of several pathfinder projects it has been identified that standardising the process would provide efficiencies to all parties involved by reducing the administrative burden and delays caused by uncertainty and the need to agree contract forms/terms each time.

Why change?

Improving the way in which ESO formally contract with TOs for feasibility studies that enables long term procurement exercises such as Pathfinders, by clarifying and simplifying the process to ensure the effective delivery of work on consistent terms for feasibility studies including, where applicable, support on the technical assessment of bids.

Building the process and fixed Terms and Conditions into the STC will help in clarifying obligations on the TOs / ESO when conducting feasibility studies and help govern the overall relationship with TO and reduce the resource required to create individual contracts for each pathfinder project.

What is the proposer's solution?

It is proposed to specifically define the pathfinder feasibility process within STCP17-1 in a similar manner to the connection feasibility study process. This will include the process to be followed, all parties' responsibilities alongside standardised terms and conditions.

Legal text

In development

What is the impact of this change?

Proposer's assessment against STC Objectives	
Relevant Objective	Identified impact
(a) efficient discharge of the obligations imposed upon transmission licensees by transmission licences and the Act	Positive
(b) development, maintenance, and operation of an efficient, economical and coordinated system of electricity transmission	Positive
(c) facilitating effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity, and (so far as consistent therewith) facilitating such competition in the distribution of electricity	Neutral
(d) protection of the security and quality of supply and safe operation of the national electricity transmission system	Positive

insofar as it relates to interactions between transmission licensees	
(e) promotion of good industry practice and efficiency in the implementation and administration of the arrangements described in the STC	Positive
(f) facilitation of access to the national electricity transmission system for generation not yet connected to the national electricity transmission system or distribution system;	Neutral
(g) compliance with the Electricity Regulation and any relevant legally binding decision of the European Commission and/or the Agency.	Neutral

Proposer's assessment against the STCP change requirements¹	Proposer's assessment
(a) the amendment or addition does not impair, frustrate, or invalidate the provisions of the Code	Requirement met
(b) the amendment or addition does not impose new obligations or liabilities or restrictions of a material nature on Relevant Parties which are not subsidiary to the rights and obligations of the Relevant Parties under the Code	Requirement met
(c) the amendment or addition is not inconsistent or in conflict with the Code, Transmission Licence Conditions, or other relevant statutory requirements	Requirement met
(d) the Relevant Party Representatives deem that the amendment or addition is appropriate to support compliance with the Code	Requirement met

When will this change take place?

Implementation date

As soon as possible

Date Decision required by

TBC

¹ STCP changes may only be made if they meet the requirements in Section B, 7.3.2

Implementation approach

No impact on systems, this change will require affected parties to use agreed legal text for future feasibility studies.

Interactions

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grid Code | <input type="checkbox"/> BSC | <input type="checkbox"/> CUSC | <input type="checkbox"/> SQSS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> European Network Codes | <input type="checkbox"/> Other modifications | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

N/A

Panel Determination

Party	Determination
National Grid (ESO)	To be updated following Panel determination
National Grid (TO)	To be updated following Panel determination
Offshore Transmission Owners (OFTOs)	To be updated following Panel determination
Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHET)	To be updated following Panel determination
SP Transmission Limited (SPT)	To be updated following Panel determination

Acronyms, key terms and reference material

Acronym / key term	Meaning
BSC	Balancing and Settlement Code
PM	Procedure Modification
CUSC	Connection and Use of System Code
STC	System Operator Transmission Owner Code
SQSS	Security and Quality of Supply Standards